

In comment to FCC Docket 04-140:

section III-A-2 (23):

I am in favor of allowing spread spectrum use on the 1.25M, 2M, and 6M bands for the sake of experiment.

section III-B-1 (35):

I am in favor of allowing communications with, and retransmission of transmissions to and from, any manned spacecraft including the ISS. Some day when there are numerous manned spacecraft flying about, it may be a problem, but that is not today, or in the foreseeable future.

section III-B-2 (39):

I speak as a music lover and an audio experimenter. Although brief transmissions of 'music' might allow an amateur station to demonstrate the linearity and cleanliness of its transmitted signal, the same result could be more scientifically obtained by transmitting multiple audio tones during brief tests between two stations.

Transmission of music other than incidental music (background noise not intended to be part of the actual voice communication) should not be allowed on the amateur bands.

If it were allowed to transmit music for its own sake, the use of it would likely grow until there would be a waste of 'bandwidth-time' in the already crowded phone bands, which is against the general idea of good operating practices. The rules as they stand are sufficient to prohibit music from being broadcast as the program material on the amateur bands, and unless we wish to 'enjoy' on the amateur bands, all forms of music, including so-called 'rap music', the prohibition against the using music as 'the communication' should be kept.

Audiophile Amateurs can always transmit their music into a dummy load and sample the unradiated signal for their own enjoyment and subjective testing. This method has always worked well for me and is a pleasing and rewarding experiment, especially when done with the high level AM technique.

section III-C-1 (49):

If an amateur radio operator becomes deceased, his (her) heir or family member who is an amateur radio operator should be allowed first privelege on obtaining the call of their deceased loved one. There should be a generous time period such as 60 days in which the heir or family member can apply for the call.